

Killer Arrested After A Two-Year Search

Worsley Man Said To Have Killed Parmele Resident

County Negro Also Wanted In Edgecombe County For Alleged Rape

Norman Worsley, 36-year-old Negro, was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in New York City this week for allegedly murdering Lawrence Andrews, 39-year-old colored man, at Parmele the latter part of 1948. The arrest ends a two-year search that went on in several states. The trail led to New York City where Worsley disappeared. The FBI was notified and the special agents spotted him within a short time, the arrest following early this week. He had changed the name to Norman Cherry, but that offered him little security when the FBI started closing in.

The alleged killer is also wanted in Edgecombe County for allegedly raping Andrews' 14-year-old daughter on December 23, 1948.

Worsley is fighting extradition, but the sheriff's office in the county, working with Solicitor George Fountain, is preparing papers for the man's return. If Edgecombe authorities have taken any action in the alleged rape case it could not be learned today.

The cases are traceable back to December 23, 1948, when Worsley, accompanied by the 14-year-old Andrews girl, carried her sister to Tarboro. After leaving the sister in Tarboro, Worsley allegedly attacked the young girl who reported the attack to her father when she returned home. The father, almost blind, questioned Worsley about the attack and Worsley turned on him with a pistol, striking him on the left side of the head and fracturing the skull. The injury was not considered serious at first, but complications resulted and Andrews died about a week later.

Dr. Elliot Ward and Acting Coroner W. W. Biggs performed an autopsy on the body, and their findings showed that death was traceable to the skull fracture.

Investigating the fatal attack, the late Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, assisted by his deputy, Buck Holoman, learned that Andrews had employed Worsley as a laborer.

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Value Of Dollar Down To 61 Cents

According to an analysis made by the National Industrial Conference Board in Washington, the purchasing power of the consumer's dollar has decreased to 60.7 cents since January, 1939. Food costs more than doubled in the same period, the board reported. An index prepared showed that living costs at the end of last August were two percent higher than in August, 1949, and only one percent below the all-time high registered for the August-September period in 1948. The board reported increases in the prices of food, house-furnishings, heating fuel, men's and women's clothing, rents and such sundries as cigarettes, soap and gasoline.

MOVED

The Roanoke Chevrolet Company, housed since its organization in a building on Washington Street, has moved to its modern new building, corner of Washington and Sycamore Streets. The location of its large stock of parts and equipment is requiring considerable time, but the manager, Mr. John H. Edwards, announces that open house is being planned and that the general public will be invited to attend.

During the meantime, the company is maintaining services for its customers.

INCREASE

A nine percent increase in the 1951 tobacco allotment has been unofficially provided, meaning that Martin County tobacco farmers may plant a total of 12,934 acres to the crop without penalty next season. This year, Martin County farmers had an allotment of 11,544 acres of tobacco.

The tobacco allotment increase, taken to the signal for reduced prices next year, comes close behind a sizable reduction in the peanut acreage allotment.

Will Sell Bonds On December 12

The Town of Williamston will offer for sale on December 12 in the local Government Commission office in Raleigh \$200,000 water and sewer bonds. Approximately one-half of the bonds, or \$90,000, will be used to finance the construction of a new water tank and the laying of water line extensions. The remainder of the amount, or \$110,000, is to be used for extending sewer lines.

The bonds are to mature, \$8,000 on June 1, 1952; \$5,000 on June 1, 1953 and 1954; \$4,000 on June 1, 1955 through 1950; \$5,000 on June 1, 1961 and 1962; \$6,000 on June 1, 1963 through 1965; and \$10,000 on June 1, 1966 through 1970.

Sales will be made in \$1,000 denominations, the interest to be paid semi-annually on June 1 and December 1.

The City of Charlotte is selling several million dollars worth of bonds that day, and town officials are hopeful a favorable rate may be had.

Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court

Holding his first term, Judge R. T. Johnson will face a fairly crowded docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court next Monday.

Up until late yesterday afternoon thirty-three cases had been placed on the docket for trial next Monday. While the number is not a record, the cases represent about fifteen types of alleged violations. The docket carries, three careless and reckless driving, one failure to report an accident, four operating motor vehicles without driver's license, two drunken driving, five speeding, four assault, two hit-and-run, two publicly drunk, one non-support, two liquor violation, two bastardy, one false pretense, one traffic, one breaking and entering and one larceny cases.

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To Call For Bids On School Houses

The Martin County Board of Education, meeting here next Monday, plans to call for bids on the construction of three buildings in the county. While there was some doubt at first about federal regulations, it was unofficially reported that the gymnasium project proposed for Robersonville is to be included in the list of three projects.

Plans call for the construction of a new Negro high school in Williamston and an addition to the new white high school building.

No Special Business On Town Board's Calendar

There's no special business on the calendar and a brief meeting is expected for the local town commissioners Monday evening, Mayor Robt. Cowen said this morning.

Material for extending local sewer lines is expected to start moving shortly, and the contractors are already making preliminary work plans, it was learned.

Court Hears Few Cases During Two Weeks And Quits

Last Session Of Special Two- Week Term Held Wednesday Afternoon

After clearing a few cases from the calendar during a scheduled two-week term, the Martin County Superior Court folded its tent and quietly stole away early yesterday afternoon. Comparatively few cases, other than divorce actions handled earlier in the term, reached the juries.

Last week, the court made quick work of the calendar in order to be home for Thanksgiving. This week quite a few cases were continued, and several were settled by agreement. Briefly stated, the court worked hardly five days during the scheduled two-week term.

Proceedings not previously reported:

In the case of S. H. Grimes against A. W. VanNortwick, the plaintiff took a voluntary nonsuit and accepted the court costs.

J. H. Harrell, in his case against Ernest Judge and F. O. Bunting, was allowed a judgment in the sum of \$300 against Defendant Bunting.

In the case of D. G. Matthews and others against Tidewater Piling and Timber Corporation and W. L. Winslow and J. L. Cooper, the jury found in favor of the plaintiff, allowing him \$1,623.93 against Winslow and Cooper.

In the case of Standard Fertilizer Company against Rachel Stewart and others, the plaintiff was declared owner of property taken by claim and delivery and valued at \$52.25.

Hattie Davenport, suing Thurston Davenport for possession of a 1941 Pontiac, was given a two-thirds interest in the machine, leaving the defendant one-third. The jury made the decision, but Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding over the term, called the litigants' counsel together and considered setting the verdict aside. It was finally agreed by the parties to give the defendant a \$100 interest and the plaintiff the remainder.

The caveators, seeking to have the will of C. C. James set aside, failed. The court held that the paper writing propounded by Clarence Taper and recorded in Will Book No. 8, page 89, was the last will and testament of C. C. James, deceased.

Months after her death, it was learned that Willie J. Lyons, who was well cared for during her last days on this earth. Suing Earl Wynne, executor of the Green estate, two sisters told what loving care they had given the deceased. Pocahontas Dempsey Evans was awarded \$448.00, and Frances Lyons Forte received \$465.50. Another sister who said she helped care for her sister, was quoted as:

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Plan Farm Day Exchange Here

Acting to help the annual problem confronted by some tenants and landlords, the Williamston office of the Employment Security Commission next to the Central Cafe on Main Street will operate a farm day exchange on Wednesday, December 6 and 13. It was announced today by Manager Kelly Gay.

Tenants seeking places for next year and landlords seeking tenants to handle 1951 crops, are invited to visit the office where every effort will be made to serve the needs of both groups.

GAME BROADCAST

The Bessemer City-Williamston Class A State championship football game in Bessemer City will be broadcast over a Rocky Mount FM station Friday evening, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. The broadcast is being made possible by a number of local sponsors, it was explained.

Peanut Crop Is 90 Percent Marketed In This County

Reliable estimates coming from various sources late yesterday indicated that ninety percent of the peanut crop in this immediate section has already been marketed, that ninety-five percent of the crop will have moved out of the farmers' hands by Saturday of this week.

The market has already experienced its big rush season, and the goobers are now being delivered in limited quantities. Possibly most of the deliveries to the market here are being made by farmers in other counties.

With the exception of a brief slump earlier in the season, prices have held reasonably firm during the marketing season to date, and it is generally believed that no marked change will take place from now on out. Prices this week ranged, for the most part, from twelve to thirteen cents. A few went slightly below that figure, but a few were sold for slightly more than thirteen cents a pound.

No official figures could be had, but it is estimated that the local market has handled some over 300,000 bags of the goobers so far this season. Income to the growers is estimated at between \$3,600,000 and \$4,000,000.

Quality of the crop has held up unusually well, but the quantity, while up to some expectations, is still below normal, reports maintain.

IN KOREA



In the thick of the fighting in Korea for some weeks, Cpl. Howard C. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bennett of RFD 2, Williamston, in a recent letter to his sister, Mrs. Delmus Williams, said he was getting along all right. If the young man had a complaint, he did not mention it; in fact, he gave the impression that he was anywhere except in a war area.

In Korea since September, Cpl. Bennett told about a daring maneuver to rescue prisoners of war. He was with a unit that made a jump behind enemy lines to free a goodly number of prisoners. "And, boy, did we get them!"

A member of the armed forces for two and one-half years, Cpl. Bennett spent three months in Japan the latter part of 1949, returned to this country and shipped out for Korea in September of this year.

The young man was surprised when he found Koreans speaking English. He told about a doctor who had been in Seoul, capital of Korea, and he was in the North Koreans. The doctor had rejoined the southern forces and he and the corporal had formed a friendship.

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Plan To Turn On Lights Next Week

Williamston's Christmas lights are to be turned on early next week, possibly on Monday, if the evergreen or laurel reaches here today, a member of the decoration committee said this morning.

The evergreen shipment was delayed by bad weather in the western part of the State last week-end, but the material moved out last Monday and should reach here today. It is the first time that the committee has planned to use the evergreen in lighting the streets for the holiday season.

Special Program At Woman's Club

The Reviewers' Book Club is planning a special program for its regular meeting in the Woman's Club hall next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced today.

The program will center around special Christmas decorations, including displays of dining room table set, tea table set, Nativity scene, mantel, doorway, window, children's party table.

Much time is being devoted to the preparation of the special decorations and the public is cordially invited, especially all members of the Woman's Club.

Guidance Director Speaks to P.-T. A. Monday Evening

No Room for Sarcasm In School Or the Home, Speaker Declares

There is no room for sarcasm in the classroom or the home, Frank G. Fuller, director of guidance at E. C. T. C., Greenville, told a recent meeting of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association in the high school auditorium.

Delivering one of the most informative and interesting speeches to be heard by the P.-T. A. in some time, Mr. Fuller, used down-to-earth language in his talk.

Miss Anna Belle Privott's 12th grade again won the attendance banner with the highest percentage of parent representation.

A little late because the "Coxmobile" which went to Greenville after him was forced off the road by another car, Mr. Fuller joked about the incident and those present found his talk worth waiting for.

Starting out to tell "What causes people to behave like they do," he emphasized that feelings which were repressed or held down and back were much more dangerous than those which were released through some action. "The boy or girl who sits in the back of the classroom in a world all alone, is in greater need of attention than the child who is throwing spitballs," the speaker declared. "For the one throwing the spitballs is getting release from whatever is troubling him while the other can go to such extremes of daydreaming as to eventually wind up in an asylum."

As a prelude to handling the basic needs of youngsters, Mr. Fuller noted that too often the parents and teachers regard children as small adults and forget how much is learned between the ages of children and of adults. One of the basic needs, he said, is proper food and shelter. Another need, he noted, and one of the most important, is the need of personal security. Not necessarily financial, he declared that personal security means also the feeling of being wanted and being loved by their parents. Another need, he referred to as status, the feeling of having a place in the home and among their fellow students. In this connection, he remarked that "dressing down" of a student before his fellows should not be done. He reminded teachers and parents of the feelings that would boil up inside them if they were "dressed down" by someone among their friends and fellow-workers. It builds up a tension inside that is harmful to the child, he said.

The fourth item he mentioned was the question of sex. He said this question should not be pushed back too far, that parents and children should have an understanding on these things because the children would get their information the wrong way or the right way. He especially urged that parents not make their children feel that the desire to attract or be attracted to members of the opposite sex was a shameful instinct, because he said it was the most natural thing on earth. Instead of suppression of the sex drive, he urged the side-tracking of it by the creation of other interests inasmuch as possible.

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Unable To Change Peanut Reduction Order In Congress

Continue Efforts To Classify Peanuts According To The Various Types

Washington, Nov. 29.—Prospects are slim that Virginia type peanut growers will get relief from acreage cuts by this session of Congress, Senator Willis Robertson (Democrat, Virginia, said today.

The volume of business already lined up, he said, probably will prevent Senate consideration of a pending measure designed to help these producers.

"We will do everything we can," he told a reporter.

But he added action on the bill may require either unanimous consent or action by the Senate Democratic Policy Committee to schedule it for a vote.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has approved unanimously a bill offered by former Senator Frank P. Graham (Democrat of North Carolina), to separate the Virginia from other types of peanuts in allotting acreage under the price support program.

The House passed a bill to permit the Secretary of Agriculture to increase acreages for those types found to be in short supply.

The Virginia type, grown mainly in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, is in short supply.

Robertson described as "utterly absurd" the present situation of cutting acreage of Virginia type peanuts because of surpluses of other types.

"The only logical solution," he added, "is a change in the support program as provided in the Graham bill to separate all edible (Virginia) peanuts from the oil types and authorize a control program based on the available markets for each type."

Robertson said that under the present program, the producers of all types in Georgia and Alabama are encouraged by Federal subsidy to produce peanut oil in excess of market demands.

"Such a program is so utterly absurd," he said, "that I am convinced that if the support program cannot be put on a sound and logical basis—which will involve no real expense to the Treasury, as in the tobacco program—that Congress will vote to end the support program completely."

Brilliant Play By Barter Group

An audience of approximately one hundred and fifty witnessed a brilliant performance of "The Show Off" presented by the noted Barter Theatre last night in the high school auditorium.

Although the theatre troupe's appearance here, sponsored by the local Jaycees, did not draw a capacity audience, the play was well received by those who attended. The entire cast, and in particular, Mrs. Fisher and Aubrey, held the attention of their audience throughout the three-act comedy, "The Show Off."

Band Planning Trip To Bessemer City Contest

Plans were well advanced this afternoon for carrying the local high school band to the football game in Bessemer City tomorrow. Others, including the seniors, have chartered two buses.

TO OPEN BIDS

Plans are going forward for opening bids on Martin County's first major drainage project, representatives of the drainage project committee announced yesterday. The bids will be opened in the offices of Martin and Griffin here at 10 o'clock on the morning of December 7. The drainage project in centered in Bear Grass Township, but extends into Cross Roads.

New Officers Begin Term Next Monday

FUNERAL TUESDAY



Funeral services were conducted at the home near Robersonville Tuesday afternoon for Walter Leon (Lee) House, prominent county business man and well-known citizen who died in a Williamston hospital on November 26.

Thousands Greet Santa Claus Here

Coming to town late yesterday afternoon on a fire truck, Santa Claus was greeted by a crowd estimated at more than 2,000, and, honestly, many of the little folks could not see the merry old gentlemen for the old folks. The fellow was met at the corner of Main and Houghton Streets by the high school band.

During his brief visit, Santa, with the help of his special committee, distributed almost a thousand bags of candy and received nearly 500 special letters. Just before leaving, he explained that he would answer personally as many of the letters as he could, that each would be carefully considered.

Williamston merchants are co-operating with Santa in every way possible to make a joyous Christmas for all the little kiddies, and the old folks, too.

Old Firm Closing Out Its Business

After figuring in the business life of the county for just about one-third of a century, the J. S. Ayers Company, Everetts mercantile firm, is closing out its business, Mr. H. M. (Buck) Ayers announced this week.

The large stock of merchandise is being placed on sale, and operations will be discontinued as soon as possible, it was reported.

The business was established back in 1917 by Messrs. J. S. Ayers and Chas. T. Peel. In 1925, Mr. Peel sold his interest to Jesse Keel, and in 1935 Mr. Keel sold his interest to Mr. Ayers. Since Mr. Ayers' death in September, 1947, the estate has operated the business with Buck Ayers as manager.

Mr. Ayers has not announced his future plans, but it is understood he'll devote all his attention to farming interests.

Christmas Club Paying Off Here

Nearly 400 far-seeing persons in this community are now reaping the reward of systematic savings, Cashier D. V. Clayton of the Guaranty Bank stating today that Christmas Savings checks are now being distributed.

The 378 Christmas club members are receiving approximately \$34,000, or an average of nearly \$90 each, it was announced.

The new club is now being formed and will formally open next Monday for the year 1951, the banker said. All are invited to join and be prepared for the 1951 Christmas.

Busy Day Certain For Officials And The County Court

County Board To Reorganize And Make Number Of Appointments

Starting a new term next Monday, Martin County officials and the several departments are certain to have a busy day.

With the exception of the register of deeds whose election does not coincide with the others, all county officers, including clerk of court, sheriff, treasurer, coroner, county commissioners, judge and surveyor, will subscribe to the oath of office. Justice John L. Hassell is expected to administer the clerk's oath, and the clerk will administer the other oaths. The clerk is scheduled to subscribe to his oath for the new four-year term early that morning, followed by the commissioners. Following his stated appointment by the county commissioners, Solicitor Clarence Griffin will subscribe the office oath along with Judge R. T. Johnson who will then move on up stairs where a lengthy court docket awaits their attention.

Only five new faces will appear in the county's official family beginning next Monday. County Commissioner C. Abram Roberson, after fourteen years of faithful and able service as a member of the board, is retiring. He is being succeeded by Herbert L. Roebuck of Cross Roads. R. T. Johnson is succeeding Chas. H. Manning on the county bench, and Clarence Griffin is succeeding in Paul D. Roberson as county solicitor. O. B. Roberson is slated to go in as county surveyor, the post having been vacant for several years. A. Corey surrendered the post when he was elected county representative two years ago. Billy Biggs, acting coroner, will succeed his father, S. Rome Biggs, as full-fledged coroner.

The old board of commissioners will meet to clear their slate of old business, and once that task is completed they will step out in favor of the new board. A reorganization of the board is likely to leave the line-up unchanged with Commissioner John H. Edwards as chairman.

Once settled in office for the new two-year term, the commissioners are scheduled to appoint a tax supervisor, county attorney and superintendent of the county home. As far as it could be learned the reappointments of M. L. (Continued on page six)

Toy Collection Little Bit Short

While the toy collection handled by local Jaycees last Sunday afternoon was very successful, it was pointed out that a greater need is anticipated and that additional contributions are necessary if that need is to be met.

There'll not be another town-wide canvass, but those who have serviceable toys to spare are asked to call either John Miller, Jr., at the Western Auto Store or Thad Harrison at Woolard Hardware Store and they'll either call or dispatch a runner to get them.

REDUCTION

Unless some action is taken to reverse the order, Martin County peanut growers next year will have their allotment reduced from 19,283 to 17,850 acres, according to unofficial information reaching here. A 16 1-2 percent overall decrease in the allotment has been ordered, but there is a movement under way to classify peanuts by types, meaning that edible peanuts now in short supply will not be affected by the reduction order if the classification is effected.